

CLAIMS

1. Step apparatus including:
a mounting portion adapted to engage a vehicle in the region of the towing hitch; and
a step portion supported on said mounting portion.
2. Step apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said mounting portion is secured to the vehicle by the hitch assembly or a portion thereof.
3. Step apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said mounting means is secured to the vehicle in lieu of a portion of the hitch assembly.
4. Step apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein said mounting portion comprises a body member having a threaded stud adapted to engage the hitch ball aperture in a conventional gooseneck.
5. Step apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said mounting means includes a body member adapted to engage the hitch ball of the towing hitch.
6. Step apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein said mounting means includes a body member adapted to engage the tubular socket of a Hayman Reece towing hitch.
7. Step apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said mounting

means is secured to the vehicle or hitch assembly whereby the step portion renders the hitch assembly inoperable.

8. Step apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said step portion is selectively secured to said mounting portion, whereby in use the step portion prevents attachment or detachment of a hitched towable vehicle.

9. Step apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said step portion is mounted to the mounting portion in a manner permitting the step to be moved from an in-use position to a stowed position.

10. Step apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said step portion is hinged to the mounting portion whereby the step portion may be moved from an in use position where the step is disposed above the vehicle hitch to a stowed position whereby the hitch may be undone.